THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): There is no such proposal at present. Stoppage of additional trains at Jajpur Keonjhar Road has been examined but not found feasible.

Vacancies in Railways

1035. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in Railways as on 31st October, 2009, category-wise;

(b) whether Government is going to fill up these vacant posts in Railways in near future;

(c) if so, the details of programme contemplated;

(d) whether regional languages would be considered the medium of interview while conducting recruitment; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The number of vacancies in zonal railways as on 31.03.2009 category- wise is 1704 in (A and B) category and 168109 in (C and D) category.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and the programme of the Government is to fill up these vacancies promptly as per laid down procedure through departmental promotions as well as through Railway Recruiting Agencies.

(d) and (e) Interview has been eliminated in most of the recruitment category examinations. Wherever interview is prescribed, the medium is Hindi or English.

Illegal selection for Group-D posts

1036. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2000 people were illegally selected for Group-D posts in railways in 2007;

(b) if so, the details of persons recruited, division-wise and zone-wise;

(c) whether these persons were recruited without any examination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Recommendation of Passenger Amenities Committee to attract foreign tourists

1037. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: